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**WORK PLAN FOR I-85 EXPRESS LANES
IN DEKALB AND GWINNETT**

DULUTH, Ga. – Construction of the new Express Lane System along Interstate 85 continues. As weather permits, lane closures are scheduled to occur during the day and overnight on the Interstate 85 Express Lanes project in DeKalb and Gwinnett Counties.

Overhead signage is the focus of work now. To install the signs, crews are working overnight closing lanes and pacing of traffic. Traffic pacing can only occur in that night's work zone between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. There are over 60 new signs on this project. Additional work continues as a second work zone is installed at times this week. The work plan for next week is below.

Daytime work will occur this week and work hours northbound are from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. and southbound work hours at from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., between peak commute hours.

Tuesday, 7th work will occur on I-85 north and south closing the left lane or HOV lane from the Dawson Blvd overpass for about one mile to mile post 98, south of Jimmy Carter Blvd

Wednesday, 8th work will occur on I-85 south only closing the left lane or HOV lane from the Dawson Blvd overpass for about one mile to mile post 98, south of Jimmy Carter Blvd

Thursday, 9th work will occur on I-85 north and south closing the left lane or HOV lane from Chamblee Tucker Road to I-285

The work plan requires **nightly** lane closures northbound and southbound. Both directions of the High Occupancy Vehicle lane or inside lane will close overnight at these locations if weather permits. Northbound lane closures will begin at 10 p.m. and continue overnight to 5 a.m. the next day. Southbound lane closures will begin at 8 p.m. to 5 a.m. the next day. Up to three lanes will be closed nightly, but these triple lane closures will only occur after midnight. Traffic will be paced one to three times as needed for that night's work between 12 a.m. and 4 a.m. for the installation of new signs.

Monday, 6th work will occur along the median wall for the installation of new signage from SR 378/Beaver Ruin Road to Steve Reynolds Blvd. A second work zone will close the HOV lane of I-85 south only from Sugarloaf Parkway to Boggs Road. A third work zone will be in place on I-85 south only closing the HOV lane from Chamblee Tucker Road to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd.

Tuesday, 7th work is planned along the median wall for the installation of new signage from north of SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd to SR 378/Beaver Ruin Road. A second work zone will be in place along I-85 south only from Chamblee Tucker Road to SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd. A third work zone will close I-85 north only from SR 317/Lawrenceville Suwanee Road for one mile north to milepost 112.

Wednesday, 8th work is planned along the median wall for the installation of new signage from SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd to Indian Trail Road. A second work zone for I-85 south only from Boggs Road to north of Old Peachtree Road.

Thursday, 9th work is planned along the median wall for the installation of new signage from SR 140/Jimmy Carter Blvd to Indian Trail Road. A second work zone along I-85 south only from Boggs Road to north of Old Peachtree Road.

Friday, 10th work is planned along I-85 north only closing the HOV lane from SR 378/Beaver Run Road to Boggs Road.

Saturday, 11th work is planned on I-85 south only from Boggs Road to north of Old Peachtree Road.

The existing High Occupancy Vehicle lanes on Interstate 85 will continue in operation allowing vehicles with 2 or more people, motorcycles and alternate fuel vehicles to use the lanes until the Express Lane System is opened. Please visit www.georgiatolls.com for additional information.

The I-85 Express Lanes Project includes installation of 16 miles of fiber and signage along Interstate Highway 85 between Chamblee Tucker Road and Old Peachtree Road and along State Route 316 between I-85 and Riverside Parkway.

When completed, registered transit buses, motorcycles, alternative fueled vehicles and vehicles with three or more passengers will be allowed to use the inside (left) HOT lane for free, while single- and double-occupant vehicles will be allowed to use the lane if they choose to pay a variably priced toll.

Motorists can access real-time, statewide, route-specific information on accidents, road work, traffic and weather conditions through **Georgia 511** - a free phone, web, and mobile service. By dialing 511, callers also can transfer to operators 24 hours a day to report incidents or request assistance. The system can be used to access transit providers, major airports, rideshare organizations, tourism information and 511 systems in surrounding states. Additionally, 511 is available online or as a hybrid solution via a free download for your smart phone. Georgia DOT partners with sponsors for assistance in funding 511, preserving tax dollars and helping sustain critical services. For more information about 511, its mobile application download, or to learn how to become a sponsor, visit www.511ga.org.

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